

HOUSE RESOLUTION 159

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A RESOLUTION to honor the devoted officers and employees of the Kingsport Police Department and congratulate them upon earning reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws, and the enforcement of these laws has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals, known as law enforcement officers, daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly protect and serve; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee and its municipalities are fortunate to have highly effective and professional law enforcement organizations whose personnel pride themselves upon their high standards and professional expertise; and

WHEREAS, these law enforcement agencies vigorously strive to achieve accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which recognizes an elite group of public safety agencies in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Barbados that "have taken extraordinary measures to demonstrate their professionalism and pride in delivering quality law enforcement service to their communities"; and

WHEREAS, accredited agencies must meet all applicable standards, according to their size and function, addressing all areas of administration, operation, and technical support activities; they must also complete a thorough self-assessment followed by a rigorous on-site assessment by a CALEA-trained team of assessors who review policies, observe procedures, and interview both law enforcement personnel and the public; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2005, the Kingsport Police Department received a three-year reaccreditation, signifying its commitment to maintaining the high standards of the CALEA; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should pause to recognize the exceptional effort and dedication shown each day by the officers and employees of the Kingsport Police Department in carrying out their duties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate the officers and employees of the Kingsport Police Department upon attaining reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, thank them for their devoted service to the citizens of Tennessee, and laud their commitment to professional excellence and carrying out their assigned duties in the most noble traditions of law enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.